

JAMES 4:1-10

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Misplaced Frustration: 4:1-3

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The Call For Change: 4:4-6

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If, Then: 4:7-10

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2. Come (vs. 16)

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